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SUBJECT: SAIGON NORTH VIET-NAM COMMITTEE REPORT,
NOVEMBER 1974

1. VOICE OF FREEDOM (VOF) BROADCASTS: VOF TOOK NOTE OF RECENT INDICATIONS OF PACIFISM IN NORTH TO DENOUNCE HANOI REGIME'S REFUSAL TO ABANDON PLANS TO UNITE VIET-NAM UNDER COMMUNISM. COMMENTARIES AND EDITORIALS ALSO SEVERELY CRITICIZED DRV RENUNCIATION OF NATIONAL CULTURE IN FAVOR OF COMMUNISM, WHICH VOF BRANDED FOREIGN IMPORT ALIEN TO VIETNAMESE TRADITION. COMMENTING ON WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE IN ROME, VOF QUESTIONED NORTH VIET-NAM'S ABILITY TO FEED ITS PEOPLE IN VIEW OF INCREASED STRAIN ON WORLD FOOD SUPPLIES. VOF APPEALED TO HANOI REGIME TO RELINQUISH ITS AGGRESSIVE DESIGNS SO THAT ALL VIETNAMESE MIGHT BE ABLE TO WORK TOWARD NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION, AND WARNED DRV THAT GVN'S ENHANCED ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND PROSPECT OF OIL-BASED PROSPERITY FOR SOUTH MAKE HANOI'S WARLIKE AMBITIONS TOTALLY

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UNREALISTIC. IN CONJUNCTION WITH PRESIDENT THIEU'S CALL FOR

TEN-NATION CONFERENCE OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS, VOF EDITORIALY DECLARED THAT DRV CANNOT FOREVER STAND OUTSIDE COMMUNITY OF ASIAN NATIONS. VOF ALSO NOTED 18TH ANNIVERSARY OF QUYNH LUU PEASANT UPRISING IN NGHE AN PROVINCE AND WARNED DRV LEADERS THAT NORTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AGAIN COULD RISE AGAINST REGIME IF HANOI CONTINUES TO IGNORE THEIR BASIC DEMANDS.

2. CONTENT ANALYSIS OF VOF EDITORIAL MATERIAL AS FOLLOWS:

LIFE IN THE NORTH, 18 PERCENT; LIFE IN THE SOUTH, 19 PERCENT; INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS, 17 PERCENT; COMMUNIST CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS AND AGGRESSIVE INTENTIONS, 12 PERCENT; GVN DIPLOMATIC SUCCESSES AND INTERNATIONAL (INCLUDING U.S.) SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE, 10 PERCENT; GVN MILITARY PROWESS, 4 PERCENT; DETERIORATING MORALE AND FIGHTING ABILITY OF COMMUNIST FORCES IN SVN, 3 PERCENT; NATIONAL RECONCILIATION, 3 PERCENT; AND OTHER (NONE MORE THAN 2 PERCENT), 14 PERCENT.

3. IN RESPONSE TO THREATS OF POLITICAL DISTURBANCE AND ACCELERATED COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA AIMED AT EXACERBATING DOMESTIC POLITICAL PROBLEMS, GVN MEDIA ACCORDED INCREASED ATTENTION TO POLITICAL STUDY MOVEMENT AND POLITICAL SEMINARS BASED ON PRESIDENT THIEU'S NOVEMBER 1 NATIONAL DAY ADDRESS. EDITORIALS, COMMENTARIES AND SLOGANS ALSO CRITICIZED COMMUNISTS AND COLONIALISTS FOR TOUTING "THIRD FORCE" AND REITERATED GVN POLICY THAT NATIONAL RECONCILIATION MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF PARIS AGREEMENT. SEVERAL COMMENTARIES DENOUNCED CLAIMS THAT NATIONAL RECONCILIATION, A MAJOR GVN OBJECTIVE, MEANS COALITION AND STRESSED GVN ADAMANT REFUSAL TO CONSIDER COALITION WITH COMMUNISTS. SLOGANS STATED THAT ACCEPTANCE OF COALITION WOULD BE BETRAYAL OF "COMBATANTS' SACRIFICES." PRESENCE OF ASIAN PEOPLE'S ANTI-COMMUNIST LEAGUE CONFERENCE IN SAIGON ALSO OCCASIONED GENERAL VILIFICATION OF COMMUNISTS WORLDWIDE AS DECEITFUL AND AGGRESSIVE. GVN MATERIAL ALSO STRESSED NEED FOR DOMESTIC POLITICAL STABILITY AND NATIONAL UNITY IF SVN IS TO SURVIVE COMMUNIST EFFORTS TO REINVADE COUNTRY. ONE EDITORIAL CLAIMED THAT PROSPECT OF OIL EXPORTATION IN 1977 AND SUBSEQUENT GENERAL PROSPERITY HAD STRENGTHENED POPULAR RESOLVE TO DEFEAT COMMUNISTS. TAKING LEAF FROM RECENT COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA, GVN DECLARED INTENT TO "FORCE COMMUNISTS TO IMPLEMENT PARIS AGREEMENT."

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4. CONTENT ANALYSIS OF GVN PROPAGANDA (BOTH VTVN AND PRINTED OUTPUT) YIELDED FOLLOWING BREAKDOWN: COMMUNIST CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS AND TERRORISM, 13 PERCENT; INTERNATIONAL (INCLUDING U.S.) SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE, 10 PERCENT; INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS, 10 PERCENT; POLITICAL STUDY MOVEMENT TO DEFEAT COMMUNISTS' "DECEITFUL PROPAGANDA," 10 PERCENT; NATIONAL UNITY AND POPULAR RESOLVE TO DEFEAT COMMUNISTS, 10 PERCENT; COMMUNIST

EFFORTS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF POLITICAL SITUATION IN SVN, 9 PERCENT;
DOMESTIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, 8 PERCENT; SOCIAL WELFARE
PROGRAMS, 7 PERCENT; COMMUNIST PLOTS TO TAK OVER SOUTH
VIET-NAM BY FORCE, 5 PERCENT; PUBLIC ORDER, SECURITY AND
POLITICAL STABILITY, 4 PERCENT; AND OTHER (ALL LESS THAN 3 PERCENT),
14 PERCENT.

5. VOA PROGRAMMING: BROADCASTS FEEDS FROM POST DURING
PERIOD INCLUDED AS MAJOR REPORTAGE: PRESIDENT THIEU'S
NOVEMBER 1 NATIONAL DAY ADDRESS TO SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE;
USIS-SPONSORED SEMINAR ON POPULATION, FOOD AND ENERGY;
ASIAN PEOPLE'S ANTI-COMMUNIST LEAGUE CONFERENCE IN SAIGON
ON "SOLIDARITY AND PROSPERITY: THE FOUNDATION OF FREE ASIA;"
9TH SOUTHEAST ASIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE DECISION
TO ASSIST RVN DEVELOPMENT; AND ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK
LOAN OF 20 MILLION DOLLARS TO RVN.

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